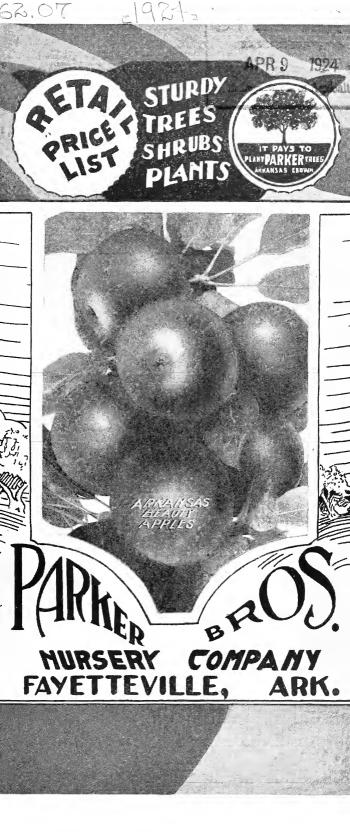
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GEO. PARKER, Proprietor

To Our Friends and Patrons:

want to thank you for the splendid business given us last season and we want to call your attention to our added facilities for giving you better service the coming season. We have added more than 300 acres of the best Ozark Nursery land in this section of the country to our plant with packing houses and other equipment.

One of our storage cellars is located within one-half block of the express office and freight office and in this building we have a substation of the Postoffice which handles all our mail direct from our offices to the trains. This enables us to give you splendid service for quick shipments of nursery supplies and express shipments.

The past season has been an excellent growing season and the stock we have to offer in this catalog is sturdy, full of vitality and with superb root systems. Here in the Ozarks we grow the hardiest, best rooted trees grown anywhere.

Your order will be much appreciated and I know that our stock will prove its worth to you.

With very best wishes, I remain,

Yours for Hardy Nursery Stock,

Parker Brothers Nursery Co.

Proprietor.

Jeden



Three carloads of peach trees being delivered to one point

This List Cancels All Previous Editions

Terms and Conditions

CLAIMS—For cause will receive consideration only when made within five days after receipt of goods.

RATES—The articles in this list will be furnished 6 at

12 rate, 50 at 100 rate.

NON-WARRANTY CLAUSE—If any nursery stock etc., proves untrue to description under which it is sold seller shall be liable to the purchaser only and to no greater extent or amount than the purchase price of such nursery stock, etc., and the seller except for the aforesaid agreed liability and in respect to such purchased nursery stock, etc. gives no warranty express or implied as to description, quality productiveness, nor any other matter.

LIABILITY—All shipments are at the risk of the purchaser after being delivered in good condition to the forwarders. Purchaser must be responsible for any loss or delay that may occur through the negligence of forwarders or horticultural inspectors. We will use every means possible to secure prompt delivery but are not liable for delays in transit, and our responsibility will cease upon delivery in good order to the carrier company, and the remedy for loss must lay between the purchaser and carrier company.

TERMS—Cash. Orders to be sent C. O. D. should be accompanied by one-fourth cash to receive prompt attention.

SHIPMENTS—Please give shipping directions whether by freight or express, also route. If no instructions are given, we will forward to you, using the best of our judgment without assuming responsibility, as all goods travel at the purchaser's risk and expense.

ORDERS—Are accepted upon condition that they shall be void should any injury befall the stock from frost or other cause over which we have no control.

GRADING—We grade by height. All grading is done in our frost-proof storage building, where we have plenty of

water and the very best packing facilities.



One-year apple in our nursery. University of Arkansas on hill in background.

Laying Out The Orchard

To those not familiar with planting orchards it may be difficult to determine the number of trees or plants they will need for a certain size space.

The following information regarding planting distances will enable any person to determine the amount of stock they will need for any space:

Apple trees 24 to 33 ft. apart.

Apricot trees 16 to 20 ft. apart.

Asparagus 1 to 2 ft. between plants, in rows 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. apart.

Blackberries 3 to 4 ft. between plants, in rows 6 to 8 ft apart.

Cherry trees, sour varieties, 16 to 20 ft. apart.

Cherry trees, sweet varieties, 20 to 27 ft. apart.

Currants, 4 ft. between plants in rows 5 ft. apart.

Gooseberries 4 ft. between plants in rows 5 ft. apart. Grape Vines 8 to 10 ft. apart, or 8 ft. apart in the row with rows 10 to 12 ft. apart.

Mulberries 20 to 28 ft. apart.

Peach trees 16 to 20 ft. apart.

Pear trees 20 to 27 ft. apart.

Plum trees 15 to 20 ft. apart.

Quince trees 10 to 16 ft. apart.

Raspberries (black) 3 ft. between plants in rows 6 to $\,^{\,>}$ ft. apart.

Raspherries (red) 3 ft. between plants in rows 5 to 6 ft apart.

Rhubarb 3 ft. between plants in rows 4 ft. apart.

Strawberries—field planting, 2 ft. between plants in rows 4 ft. apart—home gardening, 1 ft. between plants in rows 2 ft. apart.

The following table shows approximately the number of trees to an acre according to the distance apart which they are planted:

40 ft. apart, 27	18 ft. apart, 135
35 ft. apart, 35	15 ft. apart, 194
33 ft. apart, 40	12 ft. apart, 303
30 ft. apart, 49	10 ft. apart, 436
27 ft. apart, 60	8 ft. apart, 681
24 ft. apart, 76	6 ft. apart, 1210
22 ft. apart, 90	5 ft. apart, 1743
20 ft apart 100	4 ft. apart. 2725

Planting Instructions

Don't Expose Plants to Wind, Sun or Heat.

If ready to plant, wrap roots in moist burlap and remove only one tree at a time and carefully rewrap the balance.

The ground should be thoroughly pulverized, mellowed and drained. Dig hole deep and wide enough to receive the roots without cramping or bending.

Pruning Roots—Remove broken or bruised portion of roots and cut ends of roots back to sound wood. Thin out fine, fibrous roots so that soil can come in contact with larger roots.

Planting—Place tree same depth it grew in nursery, fill in and work moist soil among the roots, placing them in natural position. When roots are nearly covered pour eight quarts or more water around the tree, fill hole and pack firmly, then place two inches of loose soil around tree.

Do not use fertilizer until two weeks after planting, or just when trees bud into new growth; trim top back severely Cultivate frequently, but shallow. In dry weather water every three days.



One-year apple in our nursery.

Apple

12

100

2 to 3 ft		\$5.00	\$35.00
3 to 4 ft	7 &	7.50	50.00
4 to 5 ft	1.00	10.00	75.00
Arkansas Beauty	Gano	Rambo	
Ada Red	Horse	Stayman Wines	зар
Arkansas Black	Ingram	Summer Queen	ı
Belleflower	Jonathan	Sweet Bough	
Ben Davis	Jeffries	Shannon	
Black Ben Davis	King David	Shockley	
Coffelt	Kinnard	Talman Sweet	
CollinsRed(Champio	n)Liveland Raspberry	Wealthy	
Delicious	Maiden Blush	Wilson Red Ju	ne
Duchess	McIntosh	Winesap	
Early Harvest	Mammoth Black Twi	g Winter Banana	
Fall Pippin	Oliver (Senator)	Wolf River	
Fameuse	Red Astrachan	Yellow Transpa	rent
Golden Sweet	Red June	York Imperial	
Grimes Golden	Rome Beauty		

Crab Apple

	Each	12	100
2 to 3 ft	\$.50	\$5.00	\$35.00
Hyslop	Transcendent		
Red Siberian	Whi	inev	

Cherry

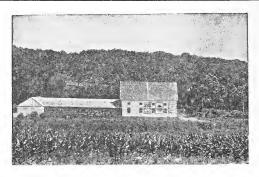
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	Each	12	100
2 to 3 ft	\$1.25	\$12.00	\$75.00
3 to 4 ft	1.50	15.00	100.00
Black Tartarian	Mo	ntmorency	
Dyehouse	Nap	oleon	
English Morello			

Compass Cherry Plum

	Each	12	100
2 to 3 ft	\$1.00	\$10.00	\$75.00
3 to 4 ft	1.25	12.50	100.00



Our digger is operated A digging crew at work. by ten mules. We dig deep and get all the roots.



One of our storage and packing cellars, which ranks as one of the largest and best in the country.

Peach

Each

4 to 3 ft		\$.50	\$5.00	\$35.00
3 to 4 ft		.75	7.50	50.00
t to 5 ft		1.00	10.00	75.00
Arkansas Beauty	Emma		Niagara	
Alton	Fitzgerald		Old Mixon	
Alexander	Foster		Red Bird Cli	ing
Belle of Georgia	eorgia Greensboro		Ruben Cling	
Champion	Heath Cling		Rochester	
Carman	Hiley		Salway	
Crawford's Early	J. H. Hale		Stinson Octo	ber
Crawford's Late	Indian (Blood	Cling)	Stump the V	Vorld
Chinese Cling	Japan Dream		Slappy	
Chair's Choice	Krummel Octo	ber	Sneed	
Crosby	Lemon Cling		Triumph	
Early Wheeler	Mayflower		White Englis	sh
Elberta	Mt. Rose		Yellow St. Je	ohn

Mamie Ross



Early Rivers



100

One-year Grape.

One-year Peach.

Plum

	Each	12	100
2 to 3 ft	\$.75	\$7.50	\$50.00
3 to 4 ft	1.00	10.00	75.00
4 to 5 ft	1.25	12.50	100.00

Abundance Burbank Gold Beauty Lombard Mariana Moore's Arctic Red June
Shiro
Shropshire Damson
Satsuma
Wickson
Wild Goose



Our office force.

Pear

3 to 4 ft		12 $$10.00$ 12.00	100 \$75.00 100.00
Aniou	Gar	ber	
Bartlett	Kei	ffer	
Clapp's Favorit	e Sec	kle	
Dwarf Duchess	Ver	mont Beauty	
Early Harvest	Wil	der	
Flemish Beauty	;		

Apricot

	Each	12	100
3 to 4 ft	\$.75	\$7.50	\$50.00
4 to 5 ft	1.00	10.00	75.00
Alexander	Russ	sian	
Early Golden	Roya	al	
Moorpack	Supe	erb	

Quince

	Each	12	100
3 to 4 ft	\$1.00	\$10.00	\$75.00
Champion	Ora	nge	

Nectarine

	Each	12	100
3 to 4 ft	\$1.00	\$10.00	\$75.00
4 to 5 ft	1.25	12.50	100.00
New White	Red	Roman	



Block of 1-year Cherry, June 12.

November 6, 1922.

Dear Sirs:
I received my fruit trees and think they are fine.
C. C. Newcomb,
Slocomb, Ark.



Photo taken in our office where every modern method is used.

Mulberries

3 to 4 ft	ng Hic	12 \$10.00 12.50 rbearing k's Everbeari	100 \$75.00 100.00
Pru	ne		
3 to 4 ft German	Each \$1.00	12 \$10.00 Italian	100 \$75.00
Japanese P	Persi	mmo	n
2 to 3 ft			Each \$1.50
Fi	\mathbf{g}		
2 to 3 ftBrown Turkey	Cel	estial	Each \$1.50
Gra	pes		
1 Year 2 Year Brighton Campbell's Early Concord Cynthiana Delaware	Mo Mo Nia	12 \$4.00 5.00 's Seedling ore's Diamon- ore's Early gara rden	100 \$30.00 40.00 d
Gentlemen: I have 1,000 Trees I got of you three years next spring. They are sure fine. I got a little crop off them this year. Yours truly.			

Have just received the consignment of Apples in good shape.

Yours truly, J. J. Rollans. Jefferson, Ark., November 4, 1922.

W. T. Kyle.



Our modern office building used exclusively for our office and printing plant.

Blackberries

	Each	12	100
Blower	\$.30	\$3.00	\$15.00
Dallas	10	1.00	6.00
Early Harvest	. 10	1.00	6.00
Lawton	. 30	3.00	15.00
McDonald	. 10	1.00	6.00
Mercereau	. 15	1.50	7.50
Snyder	. 15	1.50	7.50
Rathbun	. 10	1.00	6.00

Dewberries

	Each	12	100
Austin	\$.15	\$1.50	\$7.50
Lucretia	.15	1.50	7.50

Raspberries

BLACK CAP

	Each	12	100
Black Pearl	\$.15	\$1.50	\$7.50
Cumberland	. 15	1.50	7.50
Gregg	. 15	1.50	7.50
Kansas	. 15	1.50	7.50
Plum Farmer	. 15	1.50	7.50

RED

Each \$.15 .15 .15	12 \$1.50 1.50 1.50	100 \$7.50 7.50 7.50 7.50
. 15	1.50 1.50	7.50
.30	3.00	15.00 15.00
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March 10, 1922.

Gentlemen:
Received trees in good condition. Well pleased.
R. B. Hopper,
Hopper, Ark.

March 30, 1922.

Gentlemen:
Your trees have a fine root system and full of life
and I am well pleased with them.

Geo. A. Weaver, Gravette, Ark.



Scene at our sawmill. Cutting box material for our large shipments.

Strawberries

Sold for Spring Delivery Only.

		100	1,000
Aroma		 \$2.50	\$20.00
Early Mitchell		 3.00	25.0 0
Gandy		 3.00	25.00
Klondyke		 2.00	15.00
Senator Dunlap		 2.50	20.00
Americus Everbea	rlng	 5.00	40.00
Progressive Everbe	earing	 5.00	40.00
Superb Everbearin	1g	 5.00	40.00

Gooseberries

	Each	12
t Year, No. 1	\$.50	\$5.00
Downing I	ndustry	
Houghton I	Pearl	

Currants

			Each	12
1 year, No. 1			\$.50	\$500
Black Champion	Fay's Prolific	Peri	ection	

Garden Roots

	Each	12	100
Asparagus	\$.10	\$1.00	\$6.00
Horseradish	.10	1.00	6.00
Rhubarb (Ple Plant)	.20	2.00	10.00
Sage	. 50	5.00	

Nut Trees

	Each
English Walnut, 2 to 3 ft	\$2.50
Japan Walnut, 2 to 3 ft	1.50
Pecans (Paper Shell) 2 to 3 ft	2.50

Miscellaneous

	Each	12	100
Himalaya	\$.25	\$3.00	\$15.00
Huckleherries	. 40	4.00	





OUR OWN PARK

Here at Fayetteville we have turned part of one of our cursery farms into a park, which is free to everyone. In it we have camping grounds, picnic grounds with ovens, good water and swimming pool, bandstand, etc. The photo at right is one of the drives which we call Lovers' Lane. The photo at left is the swimming pool. When in Fayetteville enjoy the privileges of our Park. You're welcome.

Ornamental Trees

	Each
Catalpa Bungei	\$5.00
Magnolia	10.00
Mulberry, Tea's Weeping	3.00

Shade Trees

Common, 6 to 8 ft		Each \$2.50
American Elm	Lombardy Poplar	Φ2.50

American Elm
Catalpa (Speciosa)
Carolina Poplar
Hard Maple (Sugar)

Norway Poplar Soft Maple (Silver Leafed) Wisconsin Weeping Willow

Evergreens

	Eacn
American Arbor Vitae, 2 to 3 ft	\$3.00
Colorado Blue Spruce, 18 to 24 in	10.00
n	

Koses

	Each	12
Hardy Bush Roses	\$1.25	\$10.00
American Beauty LaFrai	ıce	

Anna de Diesbach Madam Plantier Carolina Testout Margaret Dickson Catharine Mermet Marshall P. Wilder Coquette des Alpes Mme. Frances Kruger Earl of Dufferin Mrs. John Laing Frau Karl Druschki Papa Gontier Paul Neyron Gen. Washington Gen. Jacqueminot Persian Yellow The Bride Gruss an Teplitz Kaiserin Aug. Victoria Ulrich Brunner

Killarney September 13, 1923.

I am sure that I could not deal with a better company than you. I will always speak a good word for you.

Very truly, J. G. Swindal.



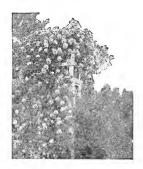
The storage cellar at our Greeeland plant.

Climbing Roses

	Each	12
Dorothy Perkins	\$.75	\$7.50
Rambler, Red	1.00	10.00
Rambier, White	1.00	10.00
Rambier, Yellow	1.00	10.00
White Dorothy Perkins	1.25	12.50

Miscellaneous Roses

	Each	12
Baby Rambler, Pink, Red and White	\$1.50	\$15.00
Flower of Fairfield	1.25	12.50
Empress of China	1.00	10.00





Climbing Dorothy Perkins

Boston Ivy

Hedge

	100
Cafifornia Privet, 12 to 18 in	\$10.00
Amoor River Privet, 12 to 18 in	15.00

Vines

	Each	12
Field Grown	\$1.00	\$9.00

Ampelopsis Veichii (Boston Ivy)

Clematis, Henry

Clematis, Jackmanni

Clematis, Madam Edmond Andre

Clematis Paniculata

Hall's Japan Honeysuckle

Kudzu Vine

Purple Wisteria

Trumpet Vine

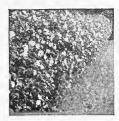
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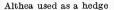
Gentlemen:

I am sending you check today to cover invoice of
6 Peach Trees which I have just received. They are
real nice and I thank you very much for the present you
sent me.

J. C. Gowan, Kosciusko, Miss.

Each







Hydrangea Arborescens

Flowers and Ornamental Shrubs

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Aithea	\$1.00
Butterfly Bush	1.00
Calycanthus (Sweet Smelling Shrub)	1.00
Cape Jasmine	1.00
Crab, Bechtei's Flowering	1.00
Duetzla	1.00
Fringe, White, \$1.25; Purple	1.00
Forsythia (Golden Bell)	1.00
Goiden Eider	1.00
Hydrangea, P. G	1.00
Hydrangea, A. S. (Hills of Snow)	1.00
Lilac, White and Purple	1.00
Prunus Pissardi (Purple Leaved Plum)	1.00
Snowball, Common	1.00
Snowbali, Japan	1.25
Philadelphus (Syringa or Mock Orange)	1.00
Spirea, Anthony Waterer	1.00
Spirea, Biliardi	1.00
Spirea, Van Houttei	1.00
Tree Hydrangea	2.50
Weigela	1.00

Perennials

	Each	12
Chrysanthemum	\$0.35	\$3.50
Hollyhocks	.35	3.50
Delphenium (Larkspur)	.35	3.50
Digitalis (Foxgiove)	.75	7.50
Golden Glow	. 50	5.00
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)	.35	3.50
Oriental Poppy	.35	3.50
Phlox	.35	3.50
Tritoma (Red-hot-poker)	. 50	5.00

November 13, 1922.

Sometime ago I wrote you about a shortage in our order of trees when it arrived. I take pleasure in telling you that the new shipment arrived a few days ago in good condition. We thank you for your prompt attention to our letter and will certainly send you another order when we need anything.

Mrs. H. L. Murdock, Cordell, Okia.

September 12, 1923.

I will write you a few lines about the trees. They were fine and every one of them lived and have grown fine this summer.

G. C. Hamilton, Proctor, Okla.







Tuberose



Decorative Dahlia

Following Bulbs for Fall Planting Only

		Each 12
tris, German	 	\$0.40 \$4.00
Iris, Japan	 	.50 5.00
Lily of Valley	 	.40 4.00
Peonies, Assorted	 	.75 7.50
Peonies, Varieties	 	1.00 8.00
Tuiip	 	.20 2.00
Crocus	 	.20 2.00
Hyacinth	 	.25 2.50
Yucca	 	.30 3.00

Following Bulbs for Spring Planting Only

	Each	12
Canna	\$0.10	\$1.00
Dahlia	.25	2.50
Gladioia	. 10	1.00
Tuberoses	. 10	1.00

Testimonials

February 8, 1922.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you concerning my bill of trees which I bought from you in November, 1919. They come to my mail box to my gate. I was expecting to call for them at Bee Branch. I was surprised when they come to find them such nice trees and find them in such good condition. I set them out the following day and I want to say that I never lost a single tree. I want to thank you for sending such nice choice trees and giving my order such prompt attention. When I need more trees I will give you my order.

Yours truly, Joe A. Rogers, Damascus, Ark.

March 11, 1922.

Gentlemen: I did get my fruit trees today and I am so well pleased with them. Please send me 50 Black Ben Davis Apple.

Yours truly, Ed Baumann, London, Ark.

February 26, 1923.

received the Blackberries alright. They were in urst class shape.

F. L. Coiiie, Pearcy, Ark.

By The Way

A Few Words and Some Pictures



GEORGE PARKER, Proprietor, Parker Bros. Nursery Company, Fayetteville, Ark.

T HAS paid us to grow and furnish our customers with the best trees money can buy because today we have more than 500 acres of the very best nursery soil of the Ozark region actually in nursery stock. This, together with our four big, frost-proof storage and packing houses constitute the largest nursery firm in the state of Arkansas. One of our packing houses is at Greenland, one at Farmington and two at Fayetteville. Had we not furnished trees much above the average this remarkable growth of our business would never have occurred.

In all of the years we have been growing nursery stock we have kept one thought continually in mind—to produce tip-top, one-year old trees. Such trees are so largely preferred by experienced orchard planters that we have concentrated our efforts in producing that kind of stock.



This is the modern building in which our office is located.



A view in our office. All equipment is strictly modern.

Our soil is ideal for this purpose. It is not necessary for us to keep a tree in the ground for two or three years in order to get it up to a merchantable size or grade. The result is that our cost of production is low, and throughout all of our years in the nursery business we have been able to sell our trees at a lower price for the grade than do so many firms who must use soil less well adapted to producing nursery stock.



A group of our office employees in front of our building.

As our experience in the nursery business has covered many years, our facilities for conducting our business have expanded and improved constantly, and along the most modern lines and methods. Our office building is located just a block off one of the main business streets of Fayetteville, and is strictly modern in its construction and equipment.



Just a little view down the rows of a block of apples.



One-year old cherry trees as they looked in June.

Our accounting facilities are up to date and enable us to quickly and accurately handle the voluminous detail that comes from a large wholesale, retail and mail order business.

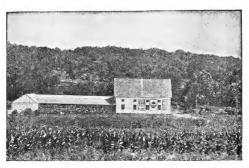
This latter department of our firm, the mail order department, has expanded to such an extent that it has become necessary to house it in a building by itself. This is a two story and basement brick building of commodious size, just across the street from the depot. Here we have ample room for handling and packing all shipments which move by mail, and the building has been equipped for this particular purpose.



Our tree digger is operated by ten mules.

A sub-station of the Post Office is located in this building, and facilitates the handling of our shipments, which now move directly from our packing tables to the out-going trains just across the street.

To perform the multitude of details involved in the production of high grade nursery stock, a large amount of labor is needed. Several hundred men, women, boys and girls work in our nursery grounds each summer, hoeing, weeding, budding, pruning, spraying and tending to the care of the trees.



One of our frost-proof storage and packing houses.

Much of this work can be done better by children than by adults. Consequently we find it advantageous to employ families, particularly large families. These are housed in our own buildings. We have 30 of these tenant houses on our nursery grounds, several of which are modern in their appointments.

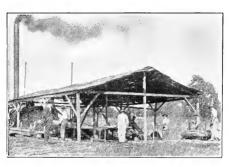


The storage cellar at our Greenland plant.

We find that comfortable homes make contented families and contented home life makes better workers than the other kind.

In addition we have one large dormitory for unmarried men, and we maintain two commissary stores in which a general line of merchandise is handled for the use of our employees and others.

As several car loads of lumber are needed every year for packing boxes in which to ship our trees, we have found it advantageous to install our own saw mill. In this mill we cut our own box lumber from logs harvested from our own land. The saving that results from this helps in lowering the cost at which our trees can be sold and still leave us a living profit.



Our saw mill where our packing box lumber is cut.

When we began in the nursery business it was to produce trees for the large commercial apple and peach orchards that were being planted throughout the Ozark region. The production of apple and peach trees for commercial planting has been our specialty, and we surround it with every scientific advantage. But in addition to these fruits, we grow large acreages of grapes, cherries, pears, apricots, pecans, roses, ornamental shrubs in great variety, and many kinds of shade trees.

In the production of our stock, scrupulous care is exercised to avoid the mixing of varieties, the dissemination of destructive insects and diseases and the making of mistakes, some of which might not be discovered for years. Parker's trees may be depended upon to be true to name, clean, vigorous and thoroughly satisfactory in every way.

As many car loads of our trees are used each year by the planters of commercial orchards, our Commercial Orchard Department has developed one of the most unique sales plans of any nursery firm in the United States. This has become widely known throughout the Southwest as the "Parker Plan."

But no matter whether a customer buys a commercial orchard from us, or whether his purchase is a horticultural premium which he gets with some publication, our instruction for planting accompanies the shipment. We feel that it is to our interest to inform the customer how to plant his trees and how to care for them properly.

Further than this, we maintain a Service Department which, through personal letters and visits, aids our customers in attaining success with their purchase. This service is free to all customers except in rare instances where considerable time and expense are involved. Then a modest per diem fee and expenses are charged.

We take genuine pride in the steady, substantial growth that we have made, and each year strive harder to do our work just a little better than the year before. From a very small beginning, when all of our trees were sold in our immediate neighborhood, our business has expanded until it is now international in its scope. Parker's trees are growing in every state, and in several foreign countries.

We expect to keep right on growing, and in doing so, we want a share at least of your patronage. No matter if your order is for a peach tree or grape vine to plant in your back yard, or a commercial orchard for your farm, we are prepared to serve you well, and will do our best to do so.

PARKER BROS. NURSERY CO.

The Fayetteville Nurseries . FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.



Three car loads of peach trees being unloaded at one point.



Government Bulletin Says

Our Soll Develops Good Root Systems on Fruit Trees, the Big Essential to Good Fruit Trees.

That the principal soil types in the Ozark region which have commonly been devoted to apple and peach orchards are well adapted to the growing of the trees is very apparent. One of the most striking pomological features of the region is the large size of the trees for their age, in the young orchards at least until they are ten to fifteen years old, in comparison with trees of the same age in many other fruit growing regions in the Eastern states. This unusual tree growth cannot be attributed, however, to any unusual fertility of the soil, as the general farm crops grown in the region do not indicate that it is more fertile than good farming land in many other regions. It is probable that the character of the subsoil contributes largely to the rapid growth of the trees. As a rule, in most of the types the subsoil is relatively loose and porous and generally it has considerable depth. These conditions are favorable to the development of good root systems, and it is perhaps of even greater importance that the subsoil is of such character that it provides an exceptionally good reservoir for the storage of soil and moisture.—From Bulletin No. 275, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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